

1 In The Claims:

2 1. A lottery game, comprising:

3 a play selector mechanism used for making a play of the lottery game, the selector
4 mechanism comprising a module for selecting the play of the lottery game according to
5 one or more features; and

6 a comparator that compares the play of the lottery game to a draw of a first lottery,
7 wherein one or more of the one or more features correspond to like features of a second
8 lottery.

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10 2. The lottery game of claim 1, wherein the first lottery is from a first jurisdiction
11 and the second lottery is from a second jurisdiction different from the first jurisdiction.

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13 3. The lottery game of claim 1, wherein the lottery game is coupled to the second
14 lottery, and wherein the play of the lottery game is preceded by a play of the second
15 lottery.

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17 4. The lottery game of claim 1, wherein one of the one or more features comprises a
18 lottery type and a maximum size of a numbers matrix.

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20 5. The lottery game of claim 4, wherein the lottery type comprises pick N, where N
21 is an integer from 1 to 4, and Keno.

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23 6. The lottery game of claim 1, wherein the lottery game is accessible from a remote
24 site via the Internet.

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26 7. The lottery game of claim 1, wherein the lottery game assigns regular player status
27 to a player based on the number of times the player plays the lottery game.

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29 8. A method of playing a lottery game, comprising:
30 receiving a play of the lottery game; and
31 comparing the play to a draw of a local lottery.

32 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

33 verifying parameters of the play against a rule set;

34 generating an error message if a parameter conflicts with a rule of the rule set;

- 1 determining one or more eligible local lotteries for use in comparing the play to
2 draws of the one or more eligible local lotteries;
3 providing a special code linking the lottery game to one or more of the one or
4 more eligible local lotteries;
5 computing a required wager amount;
6 receiving the required wager amount;
7 issuing a lottery game ticket, wherein the lottery game ticket includes the special
8 code and one or more plays; determining a type of lottery for the local lottery; and
9 restricting a play of the new lottery to a play of a type of lottery for the local
10 lottery.
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12 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the type of lottery comprises pick N, where N is
13 an integer between 1 and 4, and Keno.
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15 11. The method claim 8, further comprising:
16 assigning regular player status to a player who has made at least a minimum
17 number of plays of the lottery game.
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19 12. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of receiving the play of the lottery game
20 comprises:
21 receiving the play of the lottery game via an Internet web site.
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23 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
24 receiving payment from players via the Internet web site.
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26 14. The method of claim 12, comprising:
27 notifying a winner of the lottery game via electronic mail.
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29 15. A method for playing a lottery, comprising:
30 playing a first local lottery, wherein the first local lottery is a lottery of a first type;
31 and
32 playing the lottery, comprising:
33 making a play of the lottery based on the first type,

- 1 comparing the play of the lottery to one or more draws of second
2 local lotteries of the first type, and
3 awarding a prize when the comparison indicates a match between
4 the play of the lottery and at least one of the one or more draws of the
5 second local lotteries.
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- 7 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the play of the lottery is chosen from a numbers
8 matrix of 0 to 99.
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- 10 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the one or more draws of the second local
11 lotteries are chosen from any numbers matrix up to and including the numbers matrix of 0
12 to 99.
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- 14 18. A worldwide lottery game method, comprising:
15 making a play in a first lottery game in a first jurisdiction according to a first
16 lottery type;
17 making a play in the worldwide lottery game in the first jurisdiction;
18 comparing the play of the worldwide lottery game to a draw of one or more
19 second lotteries, each of the one or more second lotteries in a jurisdiction other than the
20 first jurisdiction; and
21 awarding a prize when a match exists between one of the one or more second
22 lotteries, wherein the worldwide lottery is a lottery according to the first lottery type, and
23 wherein each of the one or more second lotteries is a lottery of the first lottery type.
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- 25 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the first lottery type is a pick N lottery, where N
26 is an integer between 1 and 4, inclusive.
- 27 20. The method of claim 19, wherein the first lottery type is a Keno game.
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- 29 21. The method of claim 19, further comprising providing a numbers matrix of M for
30 the worldwide lottery, wherein M is an integer between 0 and 99, inclusive.
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- 32 22. The method of claim 18, further comprising:
33 providing a code based on the first lottery game; and

using the code with the play of the worldwide lottery, wherein the code ties the play of the worldwide lottery to the play of the first lottery game.

23. The method of claim 18, further comprising determining a wager price for the play of the worldwide lottery.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the wager price is based on the type of the worldwide lottery.

25. The method of claim 18, wherein the first lottery is a pick $r +$ bonus lottery, wherein r is an integer between 1 and 10 exclusive, and the bonus is a set of q numbers, where q is an integer between 1 and 10 inclusive, and wherein the first lottery draws q bonus numbers, and further comprising:

picking a set of r numbers for the play of the play of the first lottery game.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising:

picking a same set of r numbers for the worldwide lottery, wherein the match of the play of the worldwide lottery and the draw of the one of the one or more second lotteries is based on a match of subset comprising the set of r numbers and the q bonus numbers and a corresponding quantity of r numbers in the draw of the one of the one or more second lotteries.

27. The method of claim 18, further comprising:

picking a set of n numbers for the play of the play of the first lottery game; and
picking the same set of n numbers for the worldwide lottery, wherein the match of the play of the worldwide lottery and the draw of the one of the one or more second lotteries is based on an exact match of the set of n numbers and corresponding numbers in the draw of the one of the one or more second lotteries.

28. The method claim 18, further comprising:

assigning regular player status to a player who has made at least a minimum number of plays of the lottery game.

- 1 29. The method of claim 18, wherein the step of making a play in the worldwide
2 lottery game comprises:
3 submitting the play to an Internet web site.
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5 30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:
6 submitting a payment via the Internet web site.

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